

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is given that on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the City Office in the City of Drayton, North Dakota, an election will be held for the election of implementing and collecting a new 2% sales and use tax for the purpose of funding city infrastructure projects and maintenance, which election will be opened 7 am and will continue until 9 pm of that day.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the City of Drayton be authorized to implement and collect a new two percent (2%) sales and use tax outlined in #49 Ordinance for the purpose of funding city infrastructure projects and maintenance.

\_\_\_ yes - means you approve the City of Drayton implementing a new 2% sales and use tax  
\_\_\_ no - means you reject the City of Drayton implementing a new 2% sales and use tax

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said they won’t take anything because they don’t have a home for it,” Goehring said of soybeans.

One contributor to the low prices are the tariffs President Donald Trump has implemented against countries across the world, including several customers for North Dakota’s ag products.

“The ag community is trying to be patient and they’re looking at this and saying ‘yes, we need fair trade deals,’” Goehring said. “But at some point, rubber meets the road and they owe their creditors and they owe the bank.”

U.S. Rep. Julie Fedorchak, R-N.D., on Wednesday met with a group of North Dakota farmers and ag industry professionals.

She said in an interview there are negotiations taking place in Congress to provide some short-term help for farmers, perhaps through tariff revenue, to get them through the winter financially.

Goehring isn’t sure financial relief from the federal government will be enough.

“I don’t know if you can write a big enough check through the federal government to cover losses,” he said.

In addition to a lack of exports, Fedorchak and Goehring said farmers also are concerned about the cost of inputs like fertilizer. China is a major supplier of fertilizer.

MAHA’s ‘attack’ on North Dakota ag

A growing issue for North Dakota’s agriculture industry, Goehring said, is the Make America Healthy Again movement championed by national figures like Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

“They’ve now turned their attention to attack seed oils,” Goehring said.

North Dakota is a leading producer of sunflowers and canola, which are used to make some of the oils the MAHA movement opposes.

Goehring said Kennedy and others at the forefront of the MAHA movement have been pushing the use of animal fats like butter instead and have made disparaging comments about food and agriculture.

“You can’t trust them anymore,” Goehring said. “Above everything else, we live in the United States of America. We have embraced choices in agriculture and food, in our lifestyles, for decades. For centuries. Now all of a sudden we have people who want to dictate and pull that freedom away.”

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also be exhausting,” said Suzie Ashpole, Borg Home Administrator. “This program gives caregivers the chance to take a break, even for a few days, knowing their loved one is in good hands. It’s truly a gift of rest, relief, and peace of mind.”

A bridge between hospital and home

The Affordable Relief Program also provides essential support for individuals who are discharged from the hospital but still need extra care before returning home.

“Many people need just a little more time — a place to recover with good meals, personal care, and a safe environment,” Ashpole explained. “Borg Home is well-suited to help them regain their strength and return home with confidence.”

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North Dakota Outdoors: Warden stories

By Doug Leier



If you’ve ever shot a hen mallard you thought was a gadwall on the wing or walked up to a downed pheasant only to discover it was a hen, you’re not alone. I’m not advocating these mishaps. It’s just the reality of what happens in the field.

The burden is on a hunter to know the identity before squeezing the trigger. I’d suggest if there’s ever a doubt, the best choice is to pause and make certain or pass on the shot. Once you pull the trigger, there’s no taking it back. If you find yourself in violation the next correct step is to self-report to the local game warden or law enforcement.

As hard as it may be to own your mistake, in the end the honest call is the right choice.

Self-reporting allows the game warden, states attorney and judge to consider the totality of the situation. If another hunter or citizen witnessed the act and reports it, your extenuating circumstances weigh less in consideration of possible charges or penalties.

My first post as a game warden was Bottineau and early on in my career I was given the details on a horse that was mistakenly shot by a legal elk hunter. While I shook my head in disbelief, this wouldn’t be the last time I encounter stories of meadowlarks being mistaken for



The burden is on a hunter to know the identity before squeezing the trigger. Photo courtesy of ND Game and Fish

grouse or moose thought to be deer.

It happens. I’m not advocating or defending it. Just as a matter of reference, it may be more common than you’d like to believe.

Here’s a recent story from Alan Howard, Game and Fish Department district game warden.

It was the end of deer season, and I had just returned home from work after shooting hours had ended. I had taken one bite of a late supper when state radio contacted me again. The call was in an area right between my district and my neighboring warden. An individual had shot a doe in the unit he was assigned, near the end of legal shooting hours.

The individual was new to hunting the area and was happy he had filled his tag.

Until he walked over to the animal.

It was the largest doe he had ever seen, he even had trouble rolling it over by himself.

He called a hunting buddy to help him drag it out of the draws he was hunting in. When his hunting buddy arrived after dark, he was in shock at what he had seen. He told his buddy he had shot an elk.

The shooter had called state radio to report that he had shot the wrong

species of animal and wanted a game warden to respond to his location. At that time, I knew we had a lot of moose around, and I don’t believe we ever saw elk in the area. I had called the neighboring warden and told him to put his boots back on as we had to respond to a call. We discussed the call thinking it was probably a cow moose.

He responded to the scene since it was just a couple of miles into his area. He called me back to verify it as a cow elk, probably the only wild elk in that part of the state at that time. The elk was seized and salvaged, the individual was cited for illegally harvesting an elk. The state’s attorney’s office was given the report, and the individual did have to pay a fine.

The hunter was happy the elk meat got salvaged and was embarrassed at what he had done.

When the hunter was seen a couple of months later, he said he got a lot of grief from his coworkers which was worse than any fine he had to pay. It was a learning experience for both the hunter and us.

As a hunter, always be sure what you are shooting at, and what is beyond your target.

As for a game warden, sometimes, you never know what kind of animal you may see or have reported in your area.

their loved one’s needs and their own well-being. Knowing there’s an affordable, trusted place for their loved one has made all the difference,” Ashpole emphasized.

Short-term residents recovering from surgery or illness are also finding comfort and renewed strength.

“They can focus on healing instead of worrying about meals, medications, or personal care at home,” Ashpole said. “Our staff is experienced, compassionate, and ready to help.” Sustaining the Effort Together A Respite Fund has been established to keep the program strong for the future.

“Every single dollar — 100% — goes directly to residents who qualify,” Ashpole emphasized. “We are truly thankful for the enthusiastic and supportive response from the community as we launch this important initiative.” Continuing a tradition of care Since its founding more than 75 years ago, Borg Home has stood beside families in Pembina County during life’s most vulnerable moments.

“Borg Home is more than a building,”

Ashpole reflected. “It’s part of the fabric of our community — a trusted friend when families need it most. This new program is another way we’re living out that mission.” How to learn more or contribute For details about the Affordable Relief Program or to donate to the Respite Fund:

Borg Pioneer Memorial Home  
61 Borg Drive  
Mountain, ND 58262  
Phone: 701-993-8345  
Email: Borghome@polarcomm.com

A community call to action

Ashpole encourages everyone to share the news.

“If you’re a caregiver in need of a break, someone recovering from illness, or simply a neighbor who wants to help, this program is here for you. Together we can care for caregivers, help loved ones recover safely, and keep families strong,” she stated. “We are profoundly grateful to John and Paula Langerud for their vision and generosity. Their gift will touch countless lives for years to come.”

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